

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

June 23, 2011

Minutes of the Economic Development Commission held at 8:15 A.M., on Thursday, June 23, 2011.

Members Present: Todd DePino, Radha Prasad, Walter Mann, William Gambardella, First Selectman Freda, Richard LoPresti

Members Absent: Deborah Moore, Frank Maher, Stephen F. Darley

MINUTES

Chairman LoPresti opened the meeting with a discussion of the Minutes of the Regular meeting held on May 26, 2011. Mr. Gambardella moved their acceptance, seconded by Mr. Prasad.

VOTE:	Mann - Yes	Prasad - Yes	DePino - Yes
	LoPresti - Yes	Gambardella - Yes	

COMMISSION UPDATE

Mr. DePino distributed a draft Blight Ordinance to commission members. He said the next step is to have the Town Attorney look at it and then present it at the September Town Meeting. He asked Commission members to review it and to email him with any questions or comments.

Mr. Prasad said that he and Mr. LoPresti visited Urgent Care on Universal Drive. He said that the meeting went well and that Urgent Care is a great supporter of the community. Mr. LoPresti suggested that commission members visit local businesses in Town or contact him about a new or existing business in Town that he and Mr. Prasad should contact.

Mr. LoPresti said that REX which is the economic development arm of the COG meets this Friday to discuss business visitations. He will be attending this meeting and will report back to the Commission.

Mr. Mann said that he has a meeting today about Show & Sell and has confirmed the date of October 15th with the high school. He also said that our Quinnipiac University intern will be working with him on this project.

Mr. LoPresti said he met with the First Selectman and business owners to show them available opportunities in Town.

Mr. LoPresti will be meeting with website designers to discuss an economic development website for the Town.

FREDA UPDATE

Mr. Freda said that on July 6, 2011, he has to testify at the State on the Yale New Haven project. On July 13th the State is coming to the Senior Center to meet with North Haven residents. If MidState opposes the project, a decision will be rendered by the State within 60 days. If, however there is no opposition a decision will be rendered sooner.

Mr. Freda distributed a brochure on the Marlin property to commission members. The brochure was prepared by Binswanger of New Haven. Mr. Freda said that although the property has good highway visibility and a campus-like setting, there is no easy access.

Mr. Freda then passed out a one page description of property located at 2 Dwight Street which is owned by F & F Mechanical. They are interested in leasing and will build to suit.

Mr. Freda said that there is a wood company interested in a 10,000 square foot building on Universal Drive. There is also an accounting firm from West Haven that is relocating to a building on Quinnipiac Avenue.

Mr. Freda met with Doug Gray last week. Mr. Gray was interested in putting a mall on the fairgrounds property but the Association will not sell the property.

Mr. Freda also met with Mickey Rabina and at this time there is no interest in this property. He said we now have to focus our efforts on things we can get done.

Mr. Freda is still working with the Post Office to relocate it to the Parese property but the process is moving very slowly.

Further discussion followed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Robert Lockery of Morgan Stanley who is a North Haven resident spoke to the Commission.

The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for July 28, 2011, at 8:15 a.m.

There being no further business before the Commission Mr. DePino moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 AM, seconded by Mr. Prasad.